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**Attorney Docket No.** 3120W

**First Inventor** Wesley A. Bainter

**Title** Trencher Unit

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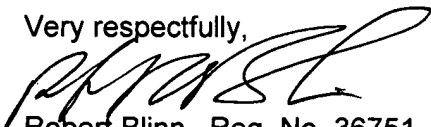
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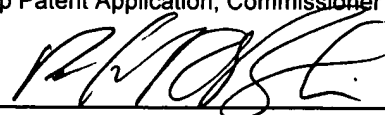
  
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